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TO AMEMBASSY PRAGUE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: EMBASSY PLANS FOR AMBASSADOR'S RECEPTION IN  
BRATISLAVA CONSULATE GENERAL

REF: PRAGUE 1376

1. WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS MORE PRUDENT NOT TO ATTEMPT TO  
HOLD THE RECEPTION FOR INCHEBA FAIR PARTICIPANTS AND  
OTHERS ON JUNE 24 IN THE CONSULATE GENERAL BUILDING.  
ALTHOUGH THE REASONS CITED BY EMBASSY (HEADINGS (A) -  
(C) PARA 3, REFTEL) COMPEL CONSIDERATION, THE GOC HAS  
INDICATED TO EMBASSY OFFICIALS THAT IT WILL NOT PERMIT  
SUCH USE OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL BUILDING. WE RECOGNIZE  
THE GOC'S RIGHT TO REGULATE OUR DIPLOMATIC PRESENCE IN  
CZECHOSLOVAKIA, JUST AS WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO  
REGULATE THEIR PRESENCE HERE. ATTEMPTED DEFIANCE OF THE  
GOC'S EXPRESSED WISHES IN THIS MATTER WOULD NEEDLESSLY  
EXACERBATE ALREADY STRAINED RELATIONS AND COULD RESULT  
IN MORE SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES FOR THE EMBASSY.

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2. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT IT IS BEST NOT REPEAT NOT TO  
THREATEN TO CLOSE THE GOC'S COMMERCIAL OFFICE IN NEW YORK  
IF IT WILL NOT CHANGE ITS DECISION IN THIS CASE. SUCH  
ACTION ON OUR PART WOULD BE OUT OF PROPORTION AND WOULD

INCORRECTLY INDICATE TO THE GOC THAT WE HAVE DECIDED

SIGNIFICANTLY TO WORSEN RELATIONS. WE HAVE NOT YET  
REACHED SUCH A DECISION, AND, HOPEFULLY WILL NOT HAVE  
TO DO SO.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD, HOWEVER, CONTINUE TO ATTEMPT TO USE  
PROSPECT OF HOLDING RECEPTION IN CONSULATE GENERAL  
BUILDING AS LEVERAGE WITH WHICH TO PERSUADE GOC TO  
ARRANGE SUITABLE, ALTERNATE QUARTERS AT FAIRGROUND OR  
ELSEWHERE AT WHICH TO HOLD RECEPTION. CHRISTOPHER

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